Hon Solomon Lincoln

Hingham

Mass

Bridgewater July 10. 1879

Rev Solomon Lincoln

My dear Sir

As requested I have added to the list the date of the decease of my sisters Lucy and Debra (Mrs Eldridge) with their ages which completes the record with the exception of my own and as you have the date of my birth you can calculate my age whenever it becomes necessary to do so

At the present time the average of the ages of the family is about 87 years 3 months

Your enquiry in regard to the family of Abner Hale the son my grandfather. The list contains the names of all the children he had by his wife Rejoice. He had two

three wives, one before this marriage with Rozeah by whom I had two children & one after by whom I had one who died in infancy & one of those by the first wife I had to that age. The other died young

My health continues quite good & I have gained strength a good deal since I wrote you. Although I have no particular business, I find a great many little matters that require attention and it usually takes me until the mail arrives (10 o'clock) to get things with the ordinary chores of the day done, & then I have the newspaper to read which occupies some time.

I was fortunate in finishing my haying before the late rains.

I suppose we are to have

the usual excitement
in regard to the election of
Gov.- If Mr Talbot declines
I think your townmen will be
the Republican candidate. He
is quite popular thro' the State.
I am always glad to hear
from you & hope to soon
With renewed assurances
of sincere esteem
Your old friend
Adonijah Welch

Hon. Artemas Hale
R. July 11. 1879
a.m. 12. ½